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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Jan Berka, *et al.* CONFIRMATION NUMBER : 6163
SERIAL NUMBER : 10/767,899 EXAMINER : David C. Thomas
FILING DATE : January 28, 2004 ART UNIT : 1637
FOR : BEAD EMULSION NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to submit an Amendment and Response to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 30, 2008 in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before December 30, 2008. A check in the amount of \$490.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2), for a large entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account Number 50-0311, Reference Number: 21465-508 UTIL, Customer No. 35437.

Respectfully submitted,

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